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FORM OF

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Order of Business,

INSTALLATION AND BURIAL SERVICE

OF THE ORDER OF

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OPENING CEREMONIES.

[Seven members being present, the S. C. takes the chair and calls to order.]

S. C.—Officers and Members: I am about to open this Council, and will thank you for your attention and assistance. [*Bro. or Sister*] Herald:

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Your first duty?

H.—To see the Council properly guarded.

S. C.—Attend to it.

[The Herald retires with the Sentinel, instructs him in his duties. After entering, gives the signal, to which the Sentinel responds, when the Herald reports:]

H.—That duty is performed.

S. C.—Your next duty.

H.—To see that all present are Royal Templars.

S. C.—Attend to that duty.

[The Herald commences at the right and the Deputy Herald at the left of the Select Councilor and examines those present in password, grip and token. Should visitors fail to prove themselves Royal Templars, they will retire to the court, and await examination by a committee. Members reported without the token will square their account at the Secretary's desk and obtain it from the

S. C. The Herald and Deputy Herald will meet in front of the Vice-Councilor's chair, and together they will approach the altar and the Herald will report:]

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald.

H.—All present are Royal Templars.

S. C.—The officers will assume their respective positions.

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S. C.—Brothers and Sisters: It is my duty to preside in this Council, to see that the rules of order are enforced, and to do all in my power to advance the interests of this Order and the cause of Temperance, which duties I shall endeavor to perform with diligence. I trust that the officers will be prompt in the discharge of their duties, and that the members will be obedient to the just requirements of the officers and Council. Let harmony prevail in our midst, let tolerance pervade our discussions, and let it be remembered that in union alone there is strength. Please sing our

OPENING ODE.

Coronation.

This day let songs of joy arise
Throughout our favored land,
From all the true and honest hearts
That form our noble band.

Our banners are unfurled to-day,
Our motto all may see—
Hope, Love and Truth are now combined
With Faith and Charity.

OR THIS.

Auld Lang Syne

O God ! we lift our hearts to Thee,
And grateful voices raise;
We thank Thee for this festive night,—
Accept our humble praise.
Here may our souls delight to bless
The God of truth and grace,
Who crowns our labors with success
Among the rising race.

May each unholy passion cease,
Each evil thought be crushed,
Each anxious care that mars our peace
In Hope and Love be hushed.
Oh ! may we all in Truth abound,
And Charity pursue;
Thus shall we be with glory crowned,
And love as angels do.

S. C.—Give attention to the services of our Chaplain.

OPENING PRAYER.

Our Heavenly Father, we implore Thy favor to rest upon the deliberations of this meeting. We are conscious of our many imperfections, and that all the good we do, and the evil we overcome, can alone be effected through the aid of Thy Almighty Power.

Help us to be the instruments of Righteousness and Truth, and grant that the cause of Temper-

ance and the interests of suffering humanity may be advanced in our land. Bless the unfortunate; have mercy upon the erring; turn the hearts of evil-doers, and make us all more sensible of our dependence upon Thee. Be with us in all the duties of life, and prosper us in all righteous undertakings; hasten the day when the fatal scourge of Intemperance shall be driven from the world, and when we are done serving Thy righteous will on earth, may we be received into that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. All these favors we ask in the name of Thy Dear Son, our Redeemer. Amen.

S. C.—Herald, attend at the altar.

[The Herald advances to the Altar, opens and arranges the Bible, and remains standing.]

Officers and members, come to order as Royal Templars. Give the salutation.

[Salutes in unison with the members. Gives the signal, which is responded to by V. C., Guard and Sentinel. Herald retires to his place.]

I now declare this Council open for the transaction of business. Guard, notify the Sentinel.

[The Sentinel will request all members in the Court to enter immediately.]

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Roll of officers. Herald will rise and respond. Vacancies filled by Select Councilor.
2 Reading minutes of last meeting.
[Admit no one during the reading of the minutes.]
3. Reception of petitions.
4. Reports on petitions.
5. Balloting for membership.

[The Select Councilor shall take the petition and say:]

S. C.—Brothers and Sisters: We are about to ballot on the petition of .....for membership in this Council. The committee has reported [*favorably or unfavorably*]. [*Bro. or Sister*] Herald:

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Prepare and present the ballot box.

[The Herald presents the box to the Select Councilor who examines it and says:]

White balls elect, black balls reject; be careful to make no mistakes.

[The Herald takes the box and passes it to each of the officers and members; he then sets it on the altar, casts his ballot, and steps aside.]

S. C.—Have all balloted? If so, the ballot is closed.

[The Herald closes the box, takes it from the altar and presents it to the Vice-Councilor, who examines and closes it; the Herald takes the box and sets it on the altar.]

S. C.—Vice-Councilor:

V. C.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—How stands the ballot?

V. C.—Clear [or not clear, there being two or more adverse ballots].

[The Herald takes the box from the altar and presents it to the Select Councilor.]

S. C.—I so find it, and therefore declare the applicant [*elected or rejected*].

[In case of rejection a second ballot must be taken before the declaration is made. The Select Councilor then changes ballots in the box.]

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald:

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Retire with the Financial Secretary, and ascertain if any person seeks admission to membership. The Financial Secretary will collect the fee.

[Herald and Financial Secretary salute and retire. Upon re-entering they salute and report].

H.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald.

H.—I find [*giving names*] awaiting the pleasure of this Council.

F. S.—Select Councilor, the fees are paid.

S. C.—Recording Secretary:

R. S.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—*Have* the *persons* named been elected to membership?

R. S.—*They have.*

S. C.—[*If there are no objections.*] I shall proceed with the initiation.

[Should objections be raised the matter must be decided by vote of the Council. Should the majority vote in favor of proceeding, the Select Councilor shall so proceed.]

INITIATION.

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald:

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Prepare and present the candidates.

[The Herald and Deputy Herald retire.]

IN THE COURT.

H. (*to candidate*)—Do you believe in the existence and power of a Supreme Being?

Can.—I do.

H.—You will be required to sign a Pledge of Total Abstinence, and to obligate yourself to labor for the promotion of the cause of Temperance. Are you willing to do so?

Can.—I am.

H.—It is with pleasure that we receive this acknowledgment of your sincerity.

[The Herald re-enters the Council, leaving the candidates in charge of the Deputy Herald, who will advance with them to the door and there await further orders. The Herald stops just within the inner door.]

[The Herald at the inner door reports.]

H.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald.

H.—All things are now ready.

S. C.—Let silence reign in the Council.

[Gives one sharp rap with his gavel.]

D. H.—[*In court, hearing the gavel, says:*] Follow me and fear no evil.

[The Deputy Herald gives one loud rap on the outside of the inner door, which is answered by the Herald from within.]

H.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald.

H.—There is an alarm at the door.

S. C.—Ascertain the cause and report.

[The Herald opens *wide* the door and asks:]

H.—Who seeks admission to our Council of Temperance?

D. H.—*Friends:* who desire to be admitted in due and regular form.

H.—Are *they* willing to take at our altar vows of Total Abstinence?

D. H.—*They* are.

H.—In whom is *their* trust?

D. H.—In God.

H.—*They* will wait until the Select Councilor has been informed of their request.

[The Herald closes the door, advances to the altar, salutes and reports.]

H.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald.

H.—There are *friends* in the court who desire to be admitted in due and regular form.

S. C.—By what right do *they* expect this favor?

H.—They have complied with our established usages, and are willing to take at our altar vows of Total Abstinence.

S. C.—Bid *them* come.

[The Herald retires to the inner door which he opens, and says:]

H.—Come to our Temple of Safety.

[After they have entered the room the Select Councilor calls up the Council.]

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[The Herald, with the Candidates, followed by the Deputy Herald, march once slowly around the room—always keeping the altar to the left hand, and marching well up, and turning the corners *square*. While passing around the following will be repeated:]

Chap.—"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?"

Members.—"They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine."

Chap.—"Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Members—"Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons, forever."

[The Herald is to take the same time in going around the room as is occupied in the foregoing exercises, and when he reaches the proper position just below and facing the altar, a sharp blow from the gavel brings him to a halt, and at the same time seats the members.]

S. C.—My *friends:* You are now upon the threshold of this Royal Temple of Temperance. It will henceforth become your duty to lift up the fallen, strengthen the weak, encourage the desponding, and visit the sick and afflicted, especially those who are the victims of intemperance. To save and reform the erring and the outcast, is a noble object. You will be expected to labor earnestly for the advancement of the cause of Temperance, morally, socially and relig-

iously, as far as lies in your power. We want no idlers here. Those by whom you are surrounded are earnest workers, performing their duties with a view to the welfare of this Council and the cause of Temperance. Do you desire to aid us in this noble work? If so, answer, I do.

Can.—I do.

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald: Present our *friends* to the Vice-Councilor for further instructions.

[Herald and candidates proceed to the Vice-Councilor's chair, always keeping the altar to the left.]

H.—Vice-Councilor: I present to you our *friends*, who are desirous of learning more of the principles of our Order.

V. C.—My *friends:* you have signified a willingness to sign our pledge of Total Abstinence. It now becomes my duty to repeat to you the pledge, so that you may understand its requirements:

"I promise I will not make, buy, sell, use or give to others, as a beverage, any spirituous, fermented or distilled liquors, wines or cider; nor frequent places where such liquors are kept for sale; but will discountenance their manu-

facture, use and sale in the community, in all proper and lawful ways."

Are you willing to sign this pledge?

Can.—I am.

V. C.—Total abstinence is the rock we have placed in the great sea of intemperance, and upon this rock are founded our hopes. Let us there firmly place ourselves, our families, our common brotherhood; and though the rains descend and the floods come, it will, with the blessing of God, remain immovable and unshaken.

You will now accompany the Herald to the desk of the Financial Secretary, where you will sign the pledge and covenant, and thence to the altar for obligation.

[Herald and candidates proceed to the desk of the Financial Secretary, where they affix their names to the pledge and covenant while the following Ode is sung :]

TUNE—"*Coronation.*" *C. M.*

We'll neither buy, nor take, nor give
The drunkards drink at all;
We will not keep it where we live,
In cottage or in hall.

We will not make a single drop
Of Cider, Wine or Ale;
But break the drinking customs up
Where'er our powers prevail.

[After signing, the Herald conducts the candidates once slowly around the room, stopping below the altar, facing the S. C.]

S. C.—You have signed our pledge and covenant, but before you can enter into membership it will be necessary for you to take a solemn obligation to remain true to the principles and teachings of this Order. This obligation is founded in right; it is as permanent as your intelligence, and its claims run parallel with your whole being. Are you willing to assume this obligation?

Can.—I am.

[Should any refuse they must leave the room, as their initiation could not be proceeded with.]

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[The V. C. takes his position just behind the candidates; the P. C. and Chap. take positions at the side of the altar nearest their stations in the Council; the members form in straight lines on each side and across the lower end of the Hall, thus forming an open hollow square; all members (unless previously excused) MUST take their places in the line; when thus formed, the Herald and Deputy will leave their positions by the side of the candidates, march to the platform of the select Councilor and face about The S. C will leave his station and take position between the Herald and Deputy, when they will march to the altar, after which sing the following]

ODE.

TUNE—"*Pleyel's Hymn.*" 7*s*.

God of mercy, be Thou near
While the vows are spoken here;
Shield, protect and safely guide
From temptations that betide;
Man may strive, but Thou alone
Must the final conquest crown.

S. C.—You will assume this attitude and assent to the obligation of a Royal Templar.

[Members assume the same attitude. The Herald and Deputy cross their staffs over the Select Councilor's head.]

OBLIGATION.

You, of your own free will and accord, in the presence of these witnesses, do solemnly promise that you will NEVER reveal the private work, ceremonies or business of this Order to any person not entitled to know the same; that you will not communicate the password or token to any person except it be in the discharge of your official duties; that you will abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and usages of the Order. You also promise that should any books, papers or other property belonging to this Order be placed in your hands, you will keep, preserve and protect the same, delivering them up when legally called upon so to do. You also promise that you will not knowingly present the petition of an improper person for membership in this Order; that you will not wrong a member, or see one wronged, if in your power to prevent it; that you will assist any worthy member who is sick or in distress; that you will use your moral, social and religious influence for

the promotion of the cause of Temperance, the suppression of the liquor traffic and the elevation of our race, and that you will not cease to labor (God giving you strength) while life shall last, or until the evils of intemperance are driven from our land. To all of which you pledge your sacred *honor*. If so, answer, "I do thus promise."

Can.—I do thus promise.

Members.—We bear witness.

S. C.—If you are true to your integrity, faithful to your conscience, and not regardless of your honor, this obligation will abide with you during your mortal career, and be cherished by you as a sacred promise, dear as your character itself. Let us all kneel, while the Chaplain implores the Divine favor to rest upon us.

INITIATORY PRAYER.

Almighty God: King and Ruler of the Universe, to whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hid, assist us, we beseech Thee, in keeping the promises that have just been made in Thy presence. Grant that *these friends* may be filled with Thy Divine Spirit, have Grace to perform those things which are

acceptable in Thy sight, and avoid those errors which are displeasing to Thee. Teach us to reverence Thy will and to place our dependence on Thee. Bless us in the addition just made to our Council, and may we all become living stones, fitted for Thy temple in Heaven. These favors we ask for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Redeemer. Amen.

[The Select Councilor is escorted to his station by the Herald and Deputy, who then return and resume their positions by the side of the candidates, after which the Select Councilor seats the members.]

[The Select Councilor will take a position midway between his chair and the altar while delivering the following charge, at the close of which he returns to his station.]

S. C.—My *friend:* This solemn form of initiation is designed to impress your mind with the importance of the great work in which we are engaged. It now becomes my pleasant duty to instruct you in the secret work of this Order. We have a signal, passwords, a token, salutation and a sacred word, which I will now give. [*Here gives a complete exemplification of the unwritten work.*] You will become familiar with these signs and passwords, by your attendance upon the meetings of this Council. Use them prudently, for they are safeguards against intrusion and imposition.

This Order has two Degrees. You have now entered into and have been made acquainted with the work of the "Royal Degree." After a suitable probation you may, if found worthy, be advanced to the Select Degree.

Having entered upon the great and important work of this Order, let me remind you of the three great duties of life, which you are strictly to observe and inculcate—your duty to God, your neighbor and yourself. Ever esteem His favor your chief good. The performance of your duty to God is essential to your highest welfare.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." Your duty to your neighbor requires you to observe the "Royal Law," "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Ever have before you the example of the Good Samaritan, who forgot not his brother by the wayside, but who had compassion upon his sufferings and relieved his distresses. The duty you owe to yourself is just as imperative; you must take care of the body, for it should be a fit temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Upon these principles was erected and now securely rests this Royal Temple of Temperance.

[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald, present our friends for reception.

[During the singing the Herald and Deputy Herald present the friends to the Select Councilor.]

ODE.

TUNE—"*Hebron.*" *L. M.*

Now bound by Honor's sacred laws,
Oh, shrink not from thy chosen part;
Keep pure and undefiled the cause
Forever nearest to thy heart.

Heed not the shafts of error cast,
The foul or hissing bolts of scorn;
For with the right shall dwell at last
The victory of endurance born.

The badge which you are entitled to wear in this Council is white—emblem of purity—and its language is faith in God. [*Invests with the badge.*]

I present to you a copy of our Constitution, which you are to study carefully so as not to be ignorant of its requirements. I now welcome you to full membership in.....Council, No...., with the true fraternal grip of a Royal Templar, and proclaim you entitled to all the rights and privileges of this degree. [*Gives the grip and token.*]

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[New members face the Council.]

Brothers and Sisters: You will extend to these associates your fellowship and regard. You now have the liberty of the floor until the sound of the gavel.

[The Herald salutes and closes the Bible; the members march around the room, each shaking hands with the new members]

AFTER RECESS.

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald: Are all present Royal Templars?

[Herald satisfies himself that no intruders are present, and reports:]

H.—They are.

S. C.—Attend at the altar.

6. Reception of Communications.
7. Reports of Sickness.
8. Reports of Board of Relief.
9. Reports of Trustees.
10. Reports of Officers (quarterly).
11. Reports of Standing Committees.
12. Reports of Special Committees.
13. Presentation of Bills and Accounts.
14. Unfinished Business.
15. New Business.
16. Exercises for the Good of the Order.
17. Announcements for next Meeting.
18. Receipts of the evening.
19. Closing.

CLOSING CEREMONIES.

S. C.—Vice-Councilor: The hour for adjournment has arrived. The members will listen to your parting advice.

V. C.—Officers and members: Around this altar have been rendered our sacred promises to abstain from the use of all that can intoxicate, and to prevent, by all just means in our power, the growth of intemperance. Remember your obligations, and exhibit by your faithfulness and integrity that the labors of our Council have not been in vain.

S. C.—Please sing our closing ode.

CLOSING ODE.

TUNE: { *Home, Sweet Home,* / *or, Auld Lang Syne,* } *with Chorus, C. M.*

Now we must close our labors here,
Though sad it is to part,
May Hope and Love, and Truth sincere
Unite each member's heart.
Now to our homes we'll haste away,
Each filled with peace and light,
And may our hearts in kindness say,
Dear friends a kind good night.

Or *Nashville, 7s.*

Softly now the light of day
Fades upon our sight away,
Free from care, from labor free,
Lord, we would commune with Thee.
Soon for us the light of day
Shall forever pass away,
Then from care, from sorrow free,
Take us Lord, to dwell with Thee.

S. C.—Give attention to the service by our Chaplain.

CLOSING PRAYER.

Gracious and most merciful God, we thank Thee for the privilege of the present meeting, and for whatever good we may have been enabled to accomplish. Assist us with Thy Holy Spirit; impart to our feebleness strength, to our counsels wisdom, and to our efforts patience and forbearance. Bless our Order and every instrumentality whereby men are made better and Thy kingdom extended. As we are now about to separate, go with and guide us. Receive us at last, and to Thy Name will we ascribe the glory. Amen.

S. C.—Come to order as Royal Templars; attend the signs [*after which the closing signals are given same as at opening*].

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald, attend at the altar.

[The Herald salutes, closes the Bible on the altar and resumes his proper place.]

S. C.—I now declare this Council closed until our next regular meeting, unless convened for the transaction of special business, in which case timely notice will be given.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY.

[At the hour of Installation the Select Councilor makes the following announcement :]

S. C.—Brothers and Sisters: The next order of business is the installation of officers. Past Councilor A. B., you will act as Grand Councilor, and with your associates have permission to retire to the court of the Council. The Secretary will announce the names of the Grand officers, who will take their places at the altar.

[The Bro. chosen to act as Grand Councilor will retire with his associates to the court where they will be clothed in appropriate regalia, wearing white gloves. The Grand Herald will form them in regular order, with the highest officers in the rear rank as follows : First, G. H. as Marshal and G. S. Second, G. G., and G. T. Third, G. F. S., and G. R. S. Fourth, G. Chap., and P. G. C. Fifth, G. V. C , and G. C. When thus formed they will march to the door and the G. H. will announce his presence by two loud raps.]

G.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Guard.

G.—There is an alarm at the door.

S. C.—Attend to it.

[Guard lifts the wicket and asks :]

G.—Who seeks admission ?

G. H.—The Grand Council of Royal Templars of Temperance of the.....of.....

[Closes the wicket]

G.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Guard.

G.—The Grand Council of Royal Templars of Temperance of the.....of..... desire admission.

S. C.—Admit the Grand Council.

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[The Guard opens the door; the Grand Council enters the room, marches to the altar and wheels right and left across the hall, thus bringing the Grand Councilor to the altar; while the Grand Council is marching to the altar the Select Councilor will call up the Council. When in line the Select Councilor and members will salute the Grand Council with the usual salutation, to which the Grand Council will respond.]

G. C.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Grand Councilor.

G. C.—We are here for the purpose of installing the officers of this Council. Are you ready?

S. C.—We are.

G. C.—You will direct the officers of this Council to surrender to the officers of the Grand Council their respective chairs and official emblems.

S. C.—The officers of this Council will surrender their chairs and jewels to the officers of

the Grand Council. The Herald will conduct the officers of the Grand Council to their respective chairs.

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[The Herald conducts the Grand Officers to their respective chairs, commencing with the lowest. As the Grand Councilor advances to the chair, the S. C. removes his regalia, which, together with the gavel, he presents to the G. C.]

S. C.—I now place in your hands the gavel and official emblems of this Council, with the hope that my successor will enjoy the esteem, confidence, and support of all the members of this Council.

G. C.—Select Councilor: I receive at your hands the official emblems of the Council, and trust that you will be amply rewarded for the very efficient manner in which you have presided over the deliberations of this Council. Have the officers elect of this Council been chosen in accordance with our established rules and usages?

S. C.—They have.

G. C.—Have the returns been made, and has an order on your Treasurer been drawn for the amount due the Grand Council?

S. C.—They have.

G. C.—Have the Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's bonds been duly executed and approved by the Council?

S. C.—They have.

G. C.—It is well. You will now be seated with the members. The Grand Herald will collect the official jewels and convey them to the Court. The Grand Secretary will announce the names of the officers elect, and the Grand Herald will present them at the altar.

[After which]

G. C.—Brothers and Sisters: Behold the officers elect of this Council: are they your choice, and are you willing to give them your hearty support and encouragement as officers of this Council?

Members.—We are.

G. C.—Officers elect: You have been chosen from among your associates to positions of honor and trust. Will you accept the positions, and discharge their duties to the best of your ability?

Officers.—We will.

G. C.—Grand Herald: You will conduct the officers elect to the court of this Council, and there prepare them for installation.

[The G. H. conducts the officers elect to the court, clothes them in their official regalia and white gloves, and forms them in the following order, by twos: 1st, G. H.; 2d, Sent. and Guard; 3d, Herald and Treasurer; 4th, Fin. Sec. and Rec. Sec.; 5th, Chap. and Past Councilor; 6th, Vice-Councilor and Select Councilor. As they advance, the G. Sent. gives the alarm, (one rap).]

G. G.—Grand Councilor: There is an alarm.

G. C.—Who seeks admission?

[Guard ascertains and reports.]

G. G.—The Grand Herald and officers elect of this Council.

G. C.—Bid them enter.

[As the door is opened the members are called up.]

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[As they enter the room they march to the altar, part right and left, forming a line across the hall, and come to order as Royal Templars and salute; members respond.]

G. C.—Welcome, thrice welcome, to positions of honor and trust. You will now assume the appropriate attitude, and repeat the following

OBLIGATION.

I, [*name*] of my own free will and accord—do solemnly promise upon my sacred honor—that I will discharge—to the best of my ability—the duties of the office to which I have been elected—in strict conformity with our Constitution—By-Laws, Rules and Usages.

Members Resp.—And we are witnesses.

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G. C.—The Sentinel's place in this Council?

G. H.—Just without the inner door.

G. C.—His duty there?

G. H.—To maintain order in its courts; to keep off all intruders; to see that all who seek admission are properly qualified to enter, that the peace and harmony of this Council may not be disturbed.

G. C.—Conduct the Sentinel to his post. He will relieve the Grand Sentinel, and immediately enter upon the discharge of his duties.

G. C.—The Guard's place in this Council?

G. H.—At the inner door.

G. C.—His duty there?

G. H.—To answer and report all alarms properly made at the door, allowing none to enter or retire without the permission of the Select Councilor.

G. C.—Conduct the Guard to his place. He will relieve the Grand Guard, and immediately enter upon the discharge of his duties.

G. C.—The Herald's place in this Council?

G. H.—At your right, in front of the Secretary.

G. C.—His duties there?

G. H.—To see that all who enter here are qualified to remain; to receive and conduct candidates at their initiation; examine and introduce visiting members, and obey your commands.

G. C.—Conduct the Herald to his place, and install him in his office.

G. H.—[*Bro. or Sister*] Herald: I now surrender to you this staff of office. You will bear it upon all occasions. Remember the sacred import of the emblem it bears. Be faithful in the discharge of your official duties; and may prosperity attend your efforts.

G. C.—The Treasurer's place in this Council?

G. H.—At your left.

G. C.—His duties there?

G. H.—To safely keep all funds belonging to this Council, and to keep a just and true account between the Council and himself.

G. C.—Conduct him to his place, and the Grand Treasurer will install him in his office.

G. H.—Grand Treasurer: By direction of our Grand Councilor I present the Treasurer elect for installation.

G. T.—Brother (*name*): You have been elected Treasurer of this Council. You will now en-

ter upon your duties. I surrender to your safe-keeping the money, books and papers pertaining to your office which I have received in trust from the Treasurer. It is your duty to receive and safely keep all funds belonging to this Council, keeping just and regular accounts of the same, and paying them only upon the order of the Select Councilor and by consent of this Council. Be faithful, and a good conscience will be your reward.

G. C.—The Financial Secretary's place?

G. H.—At your left, beside the Treasurer.

G. C.—His duties there?

G. H.—To collect all moneys due the Council, and pay them to the Treasurer, taking a receipt for the same.

G. C.—Conduct him to his place, and the Grand Financial Secretary will install him in office.

G. H.—Grand Financial Secretary: By direction of the Grand Councilor I present the Financial Secretary elect for installation.

G. F. S.—Brother (*name*): You have been elected to the important position of Financial Secretary of this Council. Your duties require

you to collect all moneys for initiation fees, dues, fines and assessments due the Council, and to pay the same to the Treasurer at the close of each meeting, taking a receipt therefor. You are also to keep an accurate account between the Council and yourself, and between the Council and its members.

Be faithful in the discharge of this important trust, as upon your care and accuracy much of the success of the Council depends. The Council looks to you to guard well its financial interests. See that it sustains no loss. I surrender to you the books and papers pertaining to your office. You will immediately enter upon the discharge of its duties.

G. C.—The Recording Secretary's place in this Council?

G. H.—At your right.

G. C.—His duties there?

G. H.—To keep a true and correct record of the proceedings of this Council.

G. C.—Conduct him to his place, and the Grand Secretary will install him in office.

G. H.—Grand Secretary: By direction of our Grand Councilor I present the Secretary elect of this Council for installation.

G. S.—Brother (*name*): You have been elected to the office of Recording Secretary of this Council. It is your duty to observe carefully the proceedings of this Council, and keep an accurate minute of all its doings. Your good inclination to the cause of Temperance and the interests of this Council will induce you, I hope, to discharge the duties of your office with fidelity. By so doing you will merit the esteem and confidence of the members. I surrender to you the books and papers of your office, and you will immediately enter upon the discharge of your duties.

G. C.—The Chaplain's place?

H.—At your right, facing the altar.

G. C.—His duties there?

H.—To conduct the devotional exercises of this Council.

G. C.—Present him to the Grand Chaplain for installation.

H.—By direction of the Grand Councilor I present our Chaplain for installation.

G. Chap.—Brother (*name*): You have been elected Chaplain of this Council. It is your duty to conduct those solemn services which we

should constantly render to an Infinite Creator, which is to "point to Heaven and lead the way," refine our souls, strengthen our virtues, purify our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of those above, whose happiness will be as endless as it is perfect. You will now be seated at my right.

G. C.—The Past Councilor's place?

H.—At your left, facing the altar.

G. C.—His duties there?

H.—To have an oversight of our work, and correct irregularities.

G. C.—Conduct *him* to his place, and the Past Grand Councilor will install *him* in office.

H.—By direction of the Grand Councilor I present our Past Councilor for installation.

P. G. C.—Brother (*name*): You have served faithfully as Select Councilor of this Council, and your experience eminently fits you for the position which you are now to occupy. We cannot well do without your counsel and advice. You will have a watchful eye to the welfare of the Council, jealously guarding its honor and integrity. You will, in conjunction with other Past Councilors decide questions of law and

usage, subject to an appeal. At the request of the Select Councilor you will become the installing officer. You will now enter upon the discharge of your duties.

G. C.—The Vice-Councilor's place?

H.—In the west.

G. C.—*His* duties there?

H.—To aid and assist you in preserving order.

G. C.—Present him to the Grand Vice-Councilor for installation.

H.—Grand Vice-Councilor: By direction of the Grand Councilor I present our Vice-Councilor for installation.

G. V. C.—Brother (*name*): You have been elected to the second position of this Council. You are to assist at the opening, initiating and closing services; see that the Guard and Sentinel discharge the duties of their office, and will aid the Select Councilor in the discharge of his duties. The gavel [*hands the gavel*] in your hands is an emblem of your authority; use it discreetly. Your regular attendance at our stated meetings is essentially necessary. In the absence of the Select Councilor you will

take the chair and govern the Council. We firmly rely on your attachment to the principles and teachings of our Order for the faithful discharge of the duties of this important trust. You will now take your place as Vice-Councilor of this Council.

G. C.—The Select Councilor's place?

H.—In the east.

G. C.—*His* duties there?

H.—To govern and control the movement and action of this Council.

G. C.—Present him for installation.

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H.—Grand Councilor: Allow me to present Brother [*name*], who has been elected Select Councilor of this Council, and awaits your pleasure.

G. C.—Brother [*name, taking him by the hand*]: I welcome you to the highest position in the gift of this Council. You are its presiding and executive officer. We have full confidence in your skill and capacity to govern the same. I surrender to your keeping the emblems of this Order: *First*, The Holy Bible. It should always be on our altar. It will guide you to all

truth, direct you to the temple of happiness, and point out to you the whole duty of man. Consult it daily. *Second*, The Constitution. Search at all times and cause it to be read in the Council, that none may pretend ignorance of its requirements. *Third*, The Charter. It is the authority by which this Council is held. You are carefully to preserve and defend it, and in no case should it be out of your immediate control, but be duly transmitted to your successor. *Fourth*, The Gavel. In your hands [*hands the gavel*] is an emblem of authority. By it you will control the movements of the Council. You will now take your place as Select Councilor of .....Council No...., Royal Templars of Temperance. Brothers and sisters, the officers elected to govern this Council for the ensuing term are now instructed in their duties. They are sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety and the laws of our Order to avoid exceeding the power with which they have been intrusted. We trust that you will aim to please each other, and unite in advancing the cause of Temperance, the interests of this Council, and the success of our Order. Listen to the prayer by our Grand Chaplain:

INSTALLATION PRAYER.

Almighty and Everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon Thy servants here assembled the healthful spirit of Thy Grace, that they may truly please Thee in all their doings. Grant, O Lord, power of mind and great understanding unto those whom we have this day clothed with authority, to preside over and direct the affairs of this Council; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and adorn them with humility of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve Thee to the glory of Thy Holy Name, and to the advancement of our beloved institution. Amen.

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[Resume the regular order of business.]

G. C.—Select Councilor: With your permission the officers of the Grand Council will now retire.

[The Grand Officers will form at the altar, and retire in regular form.]

INSTITUTION OF NEW COUNCILS.

The following rules and regulations are to apply in the institution of new Councils:

1st. There shall be at least fifteen names to the application for a charter. They must be persons of good moral character.

2d. The charter having been granted, the officer whose duty it shall be to institute the Council shall call the meeting to order, and state briefly the objects and aim of the organization; after which he shall require all present to answer the preliminary questions, and pay their fees, if they have not already done so. He shall then read the Vice-Councilor's charge, and require them to sign the pledge and covenant. He shall then [*after giving any who desire to do so the privilege of withdrawing*] administer the obligation, after which he will give them full and explicit instructions in the unwritten work. He shall then require them to name [*if they have not already done so*] the Council; then proceed with the election of officers, explaining the duties of each officer before a ballot is had. After the officers are elected he shall proceed with their installation. He shall then make the following

DECLARATION:

By the authority of the Supreme Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance, I declare .....Council No.....to be duly and regularly instituted and empowered to receive and initiate into the Order of Royal Templars of Temperance all persons who are not consti-

tutionally disqualified from becoming members of this Order; and that so long as this Council shall abide by the rules, regulations, laws, and usages of the Supreme and Grand Councils, it shall be entitled to receive their support and encouragement. Brothers and sisters, act together in harmony, and labor for the promotion of the cause of Temperance, and the success of Royal Templary.

I now welcome each one of you to full membership in our noble Order with the true fraternal grip of a Royal Templar. [*Gives each one the quarterly token with the grip.*] Let your daily work be a daily sacrament, and life itself a psalm of gratitude and a prayer of aspiration.

After the institution ceremonies are concluded, let one or more of the members personate a candidate and go through the entire initiatory ceremonies for the instruction of the officers.

DEDICATORY CEREMONY.

[This ceremony is to be used in the Dedication of Halls, set apart to the uses of the Royal Templars of Temperance.]

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

OPENING ODE.—*Auld Lang Syne.*

O God! we lift our hearts to Thee,
And grateful voices raise;
We thank Thee for this festive night,—
Accept our humble praise.
Here may our souls delight to bless
The God of truth and grace,
Who crowns our labors with success
Among the rising race.

May each unholy passion cease,
Each evil thought be crushed,
Each anxious care that mars our peace
In Hope and Love be hushed.
Oh! may we all in Truth abound,
And Charity pursue;
Thus shall we be with glory crowned,
And love as angels do.

PRAYER.

MUSIC.

ADDRESSES.

[The literary programme will be in the hands of a committee of arrangements to be chosen by the Council. It is suggested that it be made as distinctively *temperance* as possible.]

Singing the following ode:

Cheerfully, cheerfully, onward we go,
Pledged and determined to banish the foe,
Spreading destruction and woe through the land,
Cheerfully, cheerfully strengthen our band.
Soon shall intemperance depart from our shore;
Soon shall it vanish, returning no more;
Then let us labor the conquest to gain,
Cheerfully, cheerfully, raise we the strain.

Thousands engaged in the conflict before,
Earnestly striving our land to restore;
Greet us with pleasure while passing along,
Cheerfully, cheerfully, swelling the song.
Glorious victors, your shouts we shall hear,
Echoes of triumph enchanting the ear;
Filling with comfort the desolate home,
Cheerfully, cheerfully, onward we come.

[The Supreme or Grand Councilor, or officer selected, shall then make the following declaration :]

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Supreme (or Grand) Council, in the name of humanity, and for humanity, I now dedicate this Council Chamber to the three great cardinal virtues of Royal Templary, FRATERNITY, PROTECTION, and TEMPERANCE.

May nothing ever be said within these walls which shall in any degree retard the progress of truth or the best development of the interests of this Order.

CLOSING ODE.

Thou ! who art God alone,
Accept before Thy throne
Our fervent prayer !
To fill with love and peace
This house Thy dwelling place
And bless us with Thy grace.
O God ! draw near.

As through the universe,
All nature's works diverse,
Thy praise accord ;
Let Faith upon us shine,
And Temperance combine
To make us truly Thine.
Jehovah, Lord.

Spirit of Hope and Love,
Descending from above,
Our hearts inflame,
Till Truth by Thy control
Shall build in one and all
A Temple of the soul
To Thy great name.

COUNCIL OF SORROW.

[The altar should be placed in the center of the room and draped with black. On the top of the altar should be an urn, draped with crape and smilax. A table or stand with the open Bible upon it should be placed at the back of the altar.]

OPENING.

S. C.—*Brother* Vice-Councilor, for what purpose are we assembled?

V. C.—To honor the memory of (*Bro. or Sister*).....whom death has taken from us; to contemplate the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and by the remembrance of the promise of eternal life in heaven, to raise our souls above the consideration of this present transitory existence.

S. C.—*Bro.* Past Councilor: What sentiments should inspire our souls on an occasion like the present?

P. C.—Calm sorrow for the absence of those who have gone before us, an earnest solicitude for our own eternal welfare, and a firm and implicit reliance upon the wisdom and goodness of our Heavenly Father.

S. C.—Brothers and Sisters: Commending these sentiments to your earnest consideration, and invoking your assistance in the solemn cer-

emonies to be observed, I am about to open a Council of Sorrow. You will give attention to the service of our Chaplain.

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Chap.—Our Heavenly Father, before whom we bow in humble supplication, we beseech Thee to forgive our many sins and transgressions. We ask Thee to bless each of us according to our need. In this dark hour of our affliction, hide not Thy face from us, but lift upon us the light of Thy countenance. May the solemn service in which we are about to engage deeply impress each of our minds with the shortness of life and the certainty of our own approaching dissolution. May we fix our thoughts upon eternal life, and turn our hearts unto Thee, the giver of every good and perfect gift. Bless all for whom we should pray, whether present or absent, and finally receive us into Thy holy kingdom. We ask it in the name of Thy dear Son. AMEN.

S. C.—I now declare a Council of Sorrow duly opened.

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S. C.—Brothers and Sisters: In the midst of life we are in death. The young may die, the

old must die—there is no escape from this inevitable doom. Think of our *brother*, who but a few days since was with us in all the pride and power of life, and who now has passed to that bourne whence no traveler ever returns. Think how soon death for you may be a reality; contemplate the theme. Should it not humble human pride? Many of us have already passed the meridian of life; our sun is fast sinking in the west, and ere many days shall pass we, too, may be called hence. Let us each take to ourselves the solemn admonition which this occasion affords, and apply our hearts unto wisdom, so that when the dread summons shall come we may be able to say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

ODE.

TUNE—*Balerma.*

Few are thy days and full of woe,
O man of woman born!
Thy doom is written, "Dust thou art,
And shalt to dust return."

Behold the emblem of thy state
In flowers that bloom and die;
Or in the shadow's fleeting form,
That mocks the gazer's eye.

Determined are the days that fly
Successive o'er thy head;
The numbered hour is on the wing,
That lays thee with the dead

Great God, afflict not, in thy wrath,
The short allotted span
That bounds the few and weary days
Of pilgrimage to man.

[At the close of the singing the Past Councilor will approach the altar, and placing on it a bunch of white flowers, will say :]

P. C.—In memory of our beloved *brother*, I deposit these white flowers, emblematical of that pure life to which he has been called, reminding us that as these flowers will soon droop and fade away, so, too, we shall soon follow our departed brother; and inciting us to so fill the brief span of our existence that we may leave to those who survive us a sweet savor of remembrance.

[The Past Councilor will return to his place, and the Vice-Councilor will approach the altar and place upon it a wreath of white flowers, and say :]

V. C.—As the setting sun heralds the approach of night, so one by one we lay us down in the darkness of the tomb, to await in its calm repose the time when earth and heaven shall pass away, and man, standing in the presence of his Maker, shall realize the true end of his earthly pilgrimage. Let this wreath of flowers be to us the symbol of the virtues of our brother, and a token of that fraternal love which binds us while on earth, and which we hope will again unite us in heaven.

[The Vice-Councilor will return to his place and the Select Councilor will approach the altar, and place on the urn a wreath of evergreen, and say :]

S. C.—It is appointed unto all men once to die; and after death cometh the resurrection. The dust shall return to the earth, and the spirit unto God who gave it. In the grave all men are equal; the good deeds, the lofty thoughts, the heroic sacrifices alone survive and bear fruit in the lives of those who strive to emulate them.

While, therefore, nature will have its way, and our tears will fall on the graves of our departed friends, let us be reminded by the evergreen symbol of our faith in immortal life that the dead are but sleeping, and be comforted by the reflection that their memories will not be forgotten; that they will still be loved by those who are soon to follow them, that in our archives their names are written, and that they will still have a place in our hearts. And so trusting in the infinite love and tender mercy of Him without whose knowledge not even a sparrow falls, let us prepare to meet them—in that house not made with hands—eternal in the heavens.

[The Select Councilor will return to his place; the Chaplain will approach the altar, kneel, and read a portion of the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, beginning with the 35th verse, after which he will return to his place, and the Select Councilor will call up the Council, when the Funeral Hymn will be sung:]

FUNERAL HYMN.

TUNE—*Pleyel's Hymn.*

Solemn strikes the fun'ral chime,
Notes of our departing time,
As we journey here below,
Thro' a pilgrimage of woe.

Mortals, now indulge a tear,
For mortality is here;
See how wide her trophies wave
O'er the slumbers of the grave.

Here another guest we bring;
Seraphs of celestial wing.
To our fun'ral altar come,
Waft our friend and *brother* home.

There enlarged, thy soul shall see
What was veiled in mystery;
Heavenly glories of the place
Show his Maker face to face.

Lord of all! below—above—
Fill our hearts with truth and love;
When dissolves our earthly tie,
Take us to Thyself on high.

[After the Funeral Hymn the eulogy will be pronounced, followed by a poem—or remarks suitable for the occasion—at the conclusion of which, sing the following ode:]

TUNE—*Mount Vernon.*

Brother, thou wast mild and lovely,
Gentle as a summer breeze;
Pleasant as the air of evening
When it floats among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber ;
Peaceful in the grave so low.
Then no more will join our number,
Then no more our songs shall know.

Dearest *brother,* thou hast left us,
Here thy loss we deeply feel ;
But 'tis God that hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled ;
Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

[Benediction by the Chaplain.]

S. C.—I now declare this Council of Sorrow closed.

BURIAL SERVICE.

The regular badge to be worn at the funeral of a deceased member shall be of the same form and style as that worn at the meetings of the Council, except it shall be made from black ribbon, with the name and number of the Council printed in silver bronze. In the absence of the regular funeral badge members may wear a narrow strip of black crape or black ribbon, tied in a button-hole of the left lapel of the coat ; each member to have a sprig of evergreen.

The members shall meet at the Council rooms or some designated place, and after clothing themselves with the funeral regalia, shall form a procession in the following order :

Herald and Deputy with staffs,
Members, in twos,
Senior Past Councilors, in twos,
Sentinel and Guard,
Secretary and Treasurer,
Chaplain and Past Councilor,
Vice-Councilor and Select Councilor,

and proceed to the house of the deceased member, where they shall open rank right and left and take reverse order, standing uncovered while the corpse and mourners are passing to the carriages ; the procession shall then march in advance of the carriages to the place of interment. On arriving at the place of interment the members shall again open right and left and allow the corpse, mourners and friends to pass through, the members on either side, standing uncovered ; the procession reversing order and forming around the grave in such a manner as to bring the Select and Vice-Councilors on each side and near the head of the grave.

After the performance of such religious service as the relatives of the deceased may desire, and before the closing of the grave, the Select Councilor shall step to the head of the grave with the sprig of evergreen in his hand and deliver the following

ADDRESS.

S. C.—My brethren, we are assembled to perform the last rites at the grave of our departed

brother. Let us contemplate the scene, and be forcibly reminded that man is born to die. The coffin and sepulchre speak to us in language that cannot be misunderstood. Notwithstanding the various mementoes of mortality with which we are daily surrounded; notwithstanding that Death has established his empire over all the works of nature, yet by some strange infatuation we go on from one design to another, add hope to hope, lay out plans for the employment of many years, till we are suddenly arrested by the approach of death when we least expect him. What are all the externals of majesty, the pride of wealth or charms of beauty, when nature has paid her just debt? In the grave all works are levelled and all distinction abolished.

While we drop the sympathetic tear over the grave of our deceased *brother*, let us not withhold from *his* memory that praise which *his* virtues demand. Let the present occasion excite our most serious thoughts, and create in us resolutions of amendment. Life is held by a precarious tenure; men appear and disappear from the stage of action as wave meets wave and parts upon the troubled waters. Let us then so

improve this lesson that, when the summons of Death arrives, be it soon or late, we may be prepared to depart for that far distant country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

[The Chaplain shall then offer the following, or an extempore prayer.]

Chap.—Our Father and our God, who art the resurrection and the life, we would implore Thee to draw graciously near to us at this time. May this dispensation of Thy providence deeply impress us with the shortness of life and the certainty of death, and may we be prepared for that great change which awaits us all. Comfort them that mourn; be Thou their shield and protector. Guide our feet into paths of virtue, and finally permit us to enter within the portals of that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Redeemer. Amen.

[After the prayer the S. C. shall step to the head of the grave and deposits his sprig of evergreen, with these words :]

S. C.—"Farewell *brother*, we part in hope."

[The Select Councilor and Vice-Councilor, each at the head of their respective file, shall then pass on each side of the grave ; and as each officer or member reaches the head of the grave they shall deposit their sprig of evergreen. They shall then form in a circle around the grave, and while it is being filled, shall sing the following, or some appropriate]

ODE.

Tho' often here we're weary,
There is sweet rest above,
A rest that is eternal,
Where all is peace and love ;
O let us then press forward,
That glorious rest to gain ;
We'll soon be free from sorrow,
From toil, and care, and pain.

CHORUS.—There is sweet rest in heaven,
There is sweet rest in heaven,
There is sweet rest,
There is sweet rest,
There is sweet rest in heaven.

Our Savior will be with us,
E'en to our journey's end,
In every sore affliction
His present help to lend.
He never will grow weary,
Though often we request ;
He'll give us grace to conquer,
And take us home to rest.

CHO.—There is sweet rest, &c.

[After which they shall form in regular order and return to their hall for dismission.]

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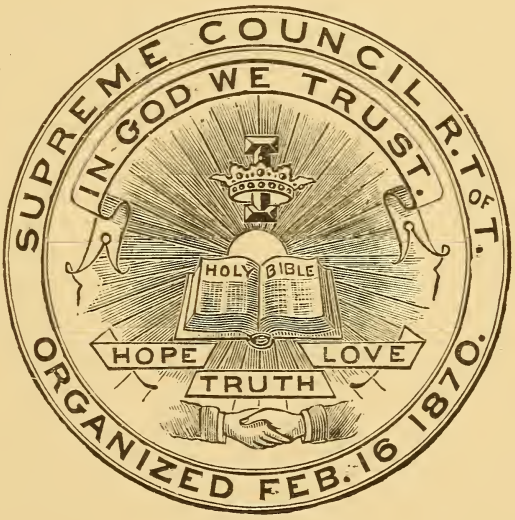
R. D. MUNGER,
Supreme Councilor.

SAMUEL NELSON,
Supreme Secretary.



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